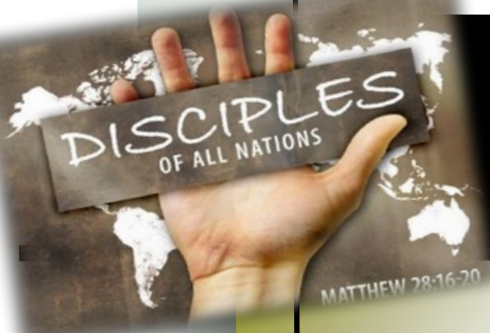


G.T.A.H. Great Things Are Happening

September 2011
Volume 2, Issue 9



Making Disciples of All Nations

When Jesus said, *Make disciples of all nations*, He simply meant that disciples of Christ are to make more disciples of Christ. In other words, more Christians (Matt 28:16-20). The theme for September is Teaching. Disciples are students of Christ's Word and as they learn, they are expected to live what they learn, and to be committed to and imitating the Master who taught them (Matt 16:21-24, Luke 14:25-27, John 8:31). In Luke 19:47, the Word tells us that Jesus was teaching daily in the temple. As disciples of Christ, we follow the example that Christ left us, and His example was perfect (1 Pet 2:21-25). In Matt 11:28-30, Jesus invites us, *Take my yoke upon you and learn from me*. It is our responsibility as disciples to allow

ourselves to be taught.

The GTAH Staff interviewed Deacon Edward Jarvis on the subject of discipleship. Deacon Jarvis eagerly expressed his thoughts:

What does the scripture Luke 19:47 mean to you?

This scripture means that just as Jesus continued his teaching daily with threats made against him; we must be courageous as Christians and demonstrate our faith and trust in God when He speaks. The Bible says *The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?* (Heb 13:6).

What does it mean to be a disciple?

A disciple is a follower of a teacher and their teachings so I decided to be a follower of Jesus. I believe in His Word that says, *I am the way, the*

truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me (John 14:6).

What happens when men and women choose to become disciples?

When men and women become disciples, repentance should have taken place and they must be willing to adhere to the teacher's faith. The disciple of this day must do just as Jesus commanded them to do after He had given them the power and the authority over all dominion. He sends them out to preach the kingdom of God and minister to the ill-fated. Luke 9:1-2 says disciples should be spreading the gospel.

What are disciples expected to do?

Disciples should reach ...

Cont'd on Page 2



Senior Pastor
David Anthony Clarke, Sr.



Inside this issue:

Church Anniversary	4
Ministry Highlight: GTAH Newsletter	6
Quarterly Ministry Workshop	8
What does the Bible say about Teaching?	10
MasterLife	11
Do You Know Your Spouse's Top 5	17
Girl Power!	18

Mission Statement

To draw people to Christ, maximize our potential, and creatively meet the physical and emotional needs of the church and community.



Deacon Edward Jarvis

Making Disciples of All Nations

(cont'd from Page 1)

out to other saints in the church and encourage their spiritual growth. We should carry out what Jesus has commanded us to do. Matt 28:19-20 says, *Go therefore, and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.*

What will disciples encounter in their walk with Christ?

Disciples can expect resistance. Jesus said in John 15:18,20, *If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.*

Remember the word that I said to you. 'A servant is not greater than his Master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.

When asked if Deacon Jarvis had any additional comments, his response was, "The Savior's commission to the disciples includes all the believers. It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of saving souls depends solely on the ordained minister. All who receive the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow men."

Make the Lord bless you as you take up your cross and follow Him.

Take up your cross and follow Jesus!

Can you find the path to Jesus?



"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Mark 8:34



September Happenings

124th Church Anniversary Celebration Begins!

9-1	Ushers, CC	7:00 p.m.
9-6	<i>Office Closed, Labor Day Holiday</i>	
9-6	Surrendered, S	6:00 p.m.
9-7	MasterLife #1 begins, VC	7:00 p.m.
9-9	Women's Choir, S	6:30 p.m.
9-10	PLACE Workshop, VC	8:00 a.m.
9-10	Golden Achievers, CC	12 noon
9-10	Youth Empowerment Session, S	5:00 p.m.
9-11	Pastor Lorenzo Heard	10:15 a.m.
9-12	Men's Bible Study, VC	7:00 p.m.
9-13	DOP, VC	6:00 p.m.
9-13	New Members Fellowship, CC	7:00 p.m.
9-15	Spiritual Enrichment, CC	7:00 p.m.
9-18	Minister Travis Greene	10:15 a.m.
9-20	Surrendered, S	6:00 p.m.
9-24	Church Picnic, Vinson Valley	1:00 p.m.
9-25	Climax Church Anniversary Pastor Darrow Perkins	10:15 a.m.
9-26	Men's Bible Study, VC	7:00 p.m.
9-27	DOP, VC	6:00 p.m.



Designed by Michaels Computing
<http://www.JohnstownPA.com>

CHURCH SERVICE HOURS

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER
8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Mid-day Manna Noon
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Learn ~ Serve ~ Give ~ Connect ~

U.G.M.B.C. OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Friday
8:00 a.m.— 4:30

Monday
Office Closed

Additional Church Hours
Tuesday — Friday
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Janice Scott
Administrative Assistant



Union Grove Celebrates 124 Years!

*Learn, Serve,
Give, Connect!*



Welcome to the Grove Zone!

In 1887, God inspired a group of God-fearing, Bible-believing Christians to gather under the shady branches of a bush harbor tree (located on a tract of land adjacent to Highway 247, approximately one block north of Green Street) to praise and worship, thus establishing the Union Grove Baptist Church. These spirit-filled members gathered to give thanks and to praise God for their many blessings. This assembly sparked the onset of Union Grove as a place of worship in a small farming town called Wellston, now known as Warner Robins, GA. As the membership grew, the space under the bush harbor was inadequate to meet the needs of the congregation. To accommodate this need, in 1887, R.W. and J.W. Johnson granted land to Union Grove for public worship. A medium-framed building was constructed on this land and it was during this period that Union Grove became a well established church in this small farming community.



The church was physically relocated from across highway 247 by the late Deacon Marvin Colbert with the assistance of others, using a mule and wagon when Robins Air Force Base (which was under construction) saw a need for this tract of land in 1940. Several church members searched for a new site and purchased land at the present location of the church, 809 South Davis Drive, from Sherman Reid for \$50.00.

The ground breaking ceremony for the renovation of the church and construction of the current sanctuary was held on August 13, 1994. The dedication service was held on October 15, 1995. Over 124 years, the membership has grown from a few gathered under the bush harbor to over 600 members. On December 15, 2002, Pastor David Anthony Clarke, Sr. was installed as the nineteenth pastor of Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

We will celebrate the church's 124th Anniversary the entire month of September with Pastor Lorenzo Heard on September 11, Minister Travis Greene on September 18 and Pastor Darrow Perkins on September 25.

Excerpts taken from *"We Have Come This Far by Faith"*.
(Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. History Book: 1887 – 2002)

Union Grove Homecoming Pictures



Ministry Highlight: GTAH Ministry

Mission Statement: To aid others in spreading the knowledge of Christ and encouraging spiritual living through printed words



The GTAH Newsletter Ministry seeks to capture the great things that are happening at the Grove Zone. Members of the ministry spend a great deal of time interviewing and communicating with the Union Grove family and its ministries to obtain information about their news and events. The ministry works collectively to creatively gather information, capture significant moments through snapshots, depicting events through heartening words, and finally perform a compilation of all the retrieved information for articles to be published to reach the hearts and minds of the church community.

Sister Jairee Williams, who has been a member of Union Grove since November 2008, is the ministry leader that desires to accomplish the four actions that Pastor Clarke requests for all the members of the church body and that is allowing the Holy Spirit to lead them in learning, serving, giving, and connecting.

The GTAH staff unites on the first Thursday of each month in various locations. The meetings consist of prayer, a Bible study on the monthly theme, discussion on the previous month's newsletter on feedback that was received and any improvements that need to be done. New assignment of roles and responsibilities for the upcoming newsletter are given at this time and the meeting is closed with fellowship and prayer.

The delivery of the bible studies allow the opportunity for spiritual growth on the subject matter to be applied through prayer and acted upon in the members' own personal lives. "The Bible studies are an integral asset for the ministry because we can enhance our understanding with what the Bible says on certain topics, share testimonies, welcome spiritual guidance, and then allow the Holy Spirit to aid us with expressing what we have learned and hope to spread that knowledge to the community," Sis. Williams explains.

The ministry has set goals and work diligently to accomplish these goals consistently. These goals are: (1) Spiritual Growth, (2) Ministry Growth, (3) Increasing ministry involvement (ministries promoting their events or sharing the great things that are happening through recurring articles), (4) Prioritizing deadlines, and (5) Promoting and publishing the GTAH through social networking.

Sis. Williams expressed, "As the team celebrates its first anniversary together this month, I often find myself reflecting on the past year and looking at the very first issue that we printed, September 2010. I compared it to our most recent issue, September 2011, and I can't stop praising the Lord for His manifestation that Great Things are Happening with the GTAH Ministry! We are blessed beyond measure, and the Lord worked to build a team full of loving and dedicated servants that make it exciting to serve Him from month to month. We have connected with each other, the church body, and with the community in more ways imaginable. That is reason to celebrate!"

For the remaining months in 2011, the themes and scripture references are:

- ***October** – Harvesting the Fruit – *He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him (Ps 126:6)*
- ***November** – Thanksgiving & Praise - *Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name (Ps 100:4)*
- ***December** – Hale & Hearty - *The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks (Luke 6:45)*

Meet the GTAHA Staff...



Hi, I'm Jairee Williams and as ministry leader of the GTAHA Newsletter, my role is listening for God's voice on how to execute the ministry's mission and vision. Once that is heard, I facilitate our meetings with the assignment of the staff's roles and responsibilities. I tirelessly communicate our goals, the actions needed to fulfill our goals, prioritizing deadlines, and following-up with each staff member on their progress throughout the month. In addition, I create and design the newsletter's template for each issue to correlate with the theme, compile all articles after they are edited, and in some cases write articles or add fun inserts into the newsletter to grab the audience's attention.

My experience in serving on the GTAHA Ministry has been phenomenal. He placed me with a group of fun, enthusiastic, and dedicated individuals who have a strong desire to serve. It brings my heart joy knowing that the GTAHA reaches out to an abundance of our members, the community, and beyond.

My name is Shirley Jackson and as a member of the GTAHA Newsletter Ministry, my duties include gathering articles from different ministries, assisting in taking photos, and distributing the newsletter via email to UG. I'm thankful to be apart of the newsletter ministry and enjoy our monthly fellowship and Bible studies. I'm excited about helping to spread the Word of the great things that are happening at Union Grove; the newsletter is just amazing. I have co-workers who ask me about the newsletter every month and are ready to jump on me when I don't have an extra copy.



I am LaTilya Bird, and as a new member of the GTAHA, I am honing my skills as a writer and effectively using my skills as a teacher to assist in editing. I am ecstatic about being a member of the team because I do have a passion for writing. I enjoy having the opportunity to learn about members of the congregation so I struggle with changing the words and thoughts of others. We are growing and as we work to make the GTAHA more amazing, I know that God will guide my hands as we continue to keep the congregation informed of the great things He is doing.

Hello I'm Willie Smith (Smitty) and I'm the GTAHA photographer. I enjoy working on the GTAHA Staff, I like my position of capturing members as they serve God in the many different ways of service.



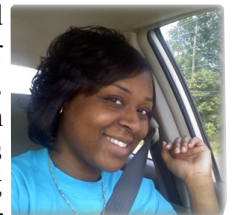
I like watching and working with the staff as they put the newsletter together in a manner that will not only provide meaningful information, but also trying to produce a quality product that pleases God.



Hello I am Carolyn Jackson and in my role as writer, I have several duties such as finding articles, writing articles, seeking writers and editing their content. On some occasions, I interview members of the congregation and photograph them. Additionally, my role includes any other tasks deemed necessary by the ministry leader.

The GTAHA Ministry has provided me the opportunity to really get involved instead of just attending Sunday Worship Service. I am learning and growing spiritually through our Bible study sessions prior to our monthly meetings. It has also helped me to get to know (connect with) many members of the church through gathering information for various articles. I love the fact that the great things happening at the Grove Zone are being shared with those both near and far through the ministry. I am truly thankful to Pastor Clarke for this opportunity to serve along with my fellow GTAHA Girls (and Willie and Minister Finkley).

My name is Ashley Whitehead and my role with the GTAHA Newsletter Ministry is writing, interviewing, photographing, and helping out with editing. Being in this ministry is awesome and an overall learning experience. Working on the newsletter gives me the chance to meet with other members of the church and have that one-on-one time to actually learn a few things about them. I learn so much about other people, God, and what He can do through others. It feels good to know that we are doing the work of the Lord and informing our congregation about what is happening in the *Growve Zone*. I love working with my GTAHA family and having our fruitful monthly meetings and Bible studies. I am thankful to be blessed with such a wonderful church family who supports our ministry.



Quarterly Ministry Workshop

The Quarterly Ministry Worker Training Session was held on Saturday, August 6, to discuss 1) Executing a Strategic Plan with Momentum and 2) Extraordinary Excellence. Now that strategic plans, goals and action steps have been developed, what will empower us to execute and make the plans materialize is momentum.



According to Pastor Clarke, we can create and sustain momentum through:

- Vision – what drives you
- Prayer – allows us to keep on going
- Focus – on what you are moving toward rather than what you are leaving behind
- Prioritization – set priorities so that everything won't become a priority, assign roles for the goals and have fun!
- Persistence – helps us overcome the execution barriers that block momentum
- Celebration – celebrate the wins...even the small ones.
- Motivation – is necessary because over time, people's excitement and enthusiasm begin to wane.
- Dedication to Excellence – the result of high intentions, sincere effort, intelligent direction, skillful execution and the vision to see obstacles as opportunities
- Communication – the lack of communication opens the door to assumptions
- Godly use of Authority – correct, restructure and hold people accountable.



He asks that we do all we can to create and sustain momentum. John Maxwell (in the *21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*) says, "When leadership is strong and there is momentum in an organization, people are motivated and inspired to perform at higher levels."



Five keys to *Flewing* in Extraordinary Excellence are:

- Extraordinary Faith – when what "could be" and "should be" become "what is"
- Extraordinary Love – is demonstrated in extraordinary discipline, forgiveness, generosity, helpfulness and patience.
- Extraordinary Expectations – high and specific
- Extraordinary Adoration – we must adore Christ enough to learn, serve, give and connect as the Lord expects.
- Extraordinary Unity – united in heart and mind

Five practical areas to demonstrate extraordinary excellence in the *Growve Zone* are: 1) Décor, 2) Evangelism, 3) Public Relations, 4) Preparation, 5) and Submission.



The next Ministry Worker Training Session is scheduled for Sunday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Dance Orientation

The Worship Ministry held its annual Praise Dance Orientation on Saturday, August 20th to discuss the ministry's goals, expectations, practice schedule, and information that parents and dancers needed clarity on. In order for dancers to minister this year, attendance to the orientation was mandatory.

The ministry is open to all children who attend UGMBC and are ages four to college. Practice times are during the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays. Dancers are expected to come to all practices on time, dress in flexible attire (i.e. sweatpants/leggings), and willing to learn and practice the powerful three P's: prayer, praise, and practice.



The purpose of the ministry is to minister the message given to us by God through the ministry of dance. The goals of the ministry are: to teach and train our children to know the purpose of dance, the importance of prayer and praise, and support in the advancement of each praise dancer to the next dance level in Christ.

Dancers are asked to memorize the scripture: Psalm 149:3 (NIV) *Let them praise His*

name with dancing and make music with tambourine and harp. We are the "word in motion." We dance unto and 4Him with Genuine Praise.

For additional information, please contact the leader or assistant for specific dance groups:

4Him (ages 4-7)

Leader: Sis. Pam Myrick
Assistant: Sis. Levon Mack

4Him2 (ages 8-12)

Leader: Sis. Africa Porter
Assistant: Sis. Patrice Smith

Genuine Praise (ages 13-21)

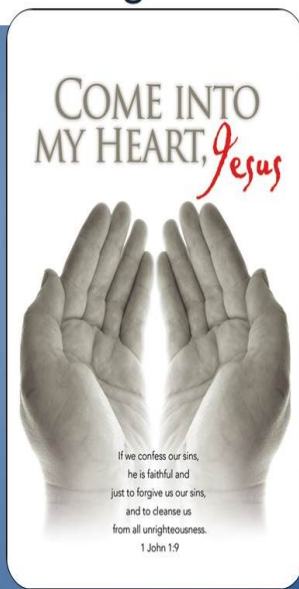
Leader: Sis. LaTonya Phillips
Assistant: Sis. UrLeaka Woodard

Evangelism Corner

Evangelism Training

2nd Sundays
after church
Children's Church

Street Ministry
4th Saturday
10 a.m. – 12 noon



“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” II Timothy 3:16 – 17

We are studying the book of Psalms, seeking to rightly divide the scripture that we might be better prepared to minister to the sick, shut-in, the lost, each other and to our own hearts with the inspired Word of God.

I thank God for the servants serving in this ministry; we solicit your prayers and labor every 4th Saturday of the month, meeting at 9:45 a.m. unless otherwise instructed.

Yours in Christ,
The Evangelism Team

What does the Bible say about Teaching?

Deuteronomy 6:1-25 (NIV) says...

1. These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess,

2. so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.

3. Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.

4. Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

5. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

6. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

7. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

8. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

9. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

10. When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build,

11. houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied,

12. be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery

.13. Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name.

14. Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you;

15. for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land.

16. Do not test the LORD your God as you did at Massah.

17. Be sure to keep the commands of the LORD your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you.

18. Do what is right and good in the LORD's sight, so that it may go well with you and you may go in and take over the good land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers,

19. thrusting out all your enemies before you, as the LORD said.

20. In the future, when your son asks you, "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the LORD our God has commanded you?"

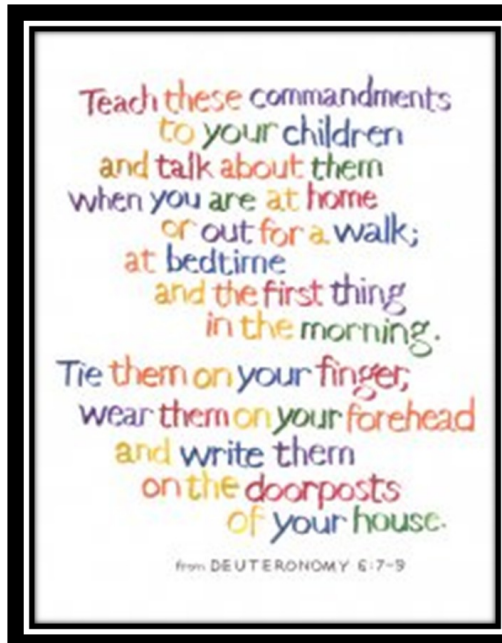
21. tell him: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

22. Before our eyes the LORD sent miraculous signs and wonders—great and terrible—upon Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household.

23. But he brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land that he promised on oath to our forefathers.

24. The LORD commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the LORD our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today.

25. And if we are careful to obey all this law before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness.



MasterLife—Discipleship Series

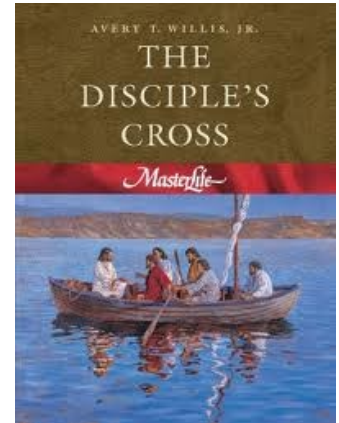
Being a member of Union Grove, our pastor encourages us to do four things: learn, serve, give and connect.

If you are looking for an opportunity to learn, serve, give and connect, you should consider MasterLife Discipleship Series.

The MasterLife Discipleship Series is a 12-week Bible study course that focuses on six key aspects that are important to any Christian spiritual life.

Six Keys

- Spending Time with the Master- Learn to make Christ a priority.
- Living in the Word-Learn the importance of reading God's word daily.
- Pray in Faith- Learn to develop a strong prayer life.
- Fellowship with believers- Understand the value of Christian fellowship.
- Minister to the world - Understand the great commission.
- Minister to each other- Understand the need and value of your spiritual gift.



The classes will consist of weekly study assignments, small group discussions, learning bible verses and fellowship. MasterLife Series 1, The Discipleship Cross, will start Sept 7th (or every fall and spring season) at 7:00 pm (normal bible study time) and will be held at the Vision Center.

There is a one time material fee of \$9.95. Sign-up sheets will be available in the foyer and in the annex. For more information, contact Deacon Wendell Simmons at 478-953-4290. Class space is limited so don't delay.

J-K and L-N Members Fellowship

On Saturday, August 20, 2011, church members with last names J thru N enjoyed food, fellowship, and fun at the Vision Center. Deacon Wendell Simmons and Deacon T.C. Caldwell facilitated the gathering which had approximately fifty members in attendance. The families introduced themselves and exchanged information with some old and new faces. Deacon Simmons says that there are plans to make this family gathering an annual event. Sister Dorothy Jackson served as coordinator for the event and was assisted by Sisters Catherine Jarvis, Fannie McLean, Annie Lester, Carolyn Jackson, and Harriett Marlow.



D-F and W-Z Family Social



When God brings his people together, bonding, renewing friendships, and learning about each other always takes place. Families that worship together do not always get to know one another in the amount of time that is given to socialize.



The families, whose assigned deacons are Deacon Slater Thorpe, Deacon Alvin Myrick, and Deacon Nathaniel Davis, were given the opportunity to enjoy each other while sharing brunch, through laughter, and games.



The fellowship came together at the home of Deacon and Sister Davis. There were lots of food of different types and lots of love to go around for everyone. "We all had a great time. We don't think that anyone left hungry. Thanks to all our families for spending that time with us," says Sister Davis.



Let's Stay In Touch!

Deployed to Iraq



Minister James Gaines mailing address:

SSG James E. Gaines

353CSSB Joint Base Balad

APO, AE 09391



Please write so he will be encouraged.

Sunday School Promotion Celebration

Every year at the end of September there is a Promotion Celebration for all Sunday school students. This year the Promotion Celebration was held on August 28, 2011. Promotions are based on teacher guidelines, and student age.

There are three age groups that your child falls in: Nursery and Primary (ages three to five years old), Juniors (ages nine to twelve years old), and Seniors (13 years old and above). Through attendance, and other criteria set by teachers, students can earn incentives such as being awarded the Outstanding Student.

This year Union Grove promoted the following students:

- From Nursery to Primary:
Charity Smith and Donterrio Smith
- From Primary to Junior:
Jamari Goodine, Breona Jackson, Ilea McLean, and Sydney Oglesby
- From Junior to Senior:
Tracy Smith

Also recognized were the students who:

- Said the books of the New Testament:
Charity Smith and Zaria Lee
- Brought someone to Sunday School:
Jacob Cannon, Joshua Cannon, and Jaylen Goodine



Jr. Choir Meeting

God Made Us to Sing His Praises! Whether your child exhibits gifts of singing or simply loves making a “joyful noise,” the Junior choir is an excellent ministry for your child to participate in. Your child will be involved in the congregational worship

experience by singing special songs once a month during the worship service.

Children ages three years to twelve years old or beginning middle school are invited to participate in the Junior Choir. Monthly rehearsals are scheduled for the second and third Saturdays at 12 noon.

The Junior Choir is under the

direction of Minister Keith Perkins and assisted by Sis. Wanda Verrett, Sis. Pat McCants, Sis. LaShondria Smith, and Sis. Barbara Johnson. Please contact any of these individuals for more details, for the choir rules and expectation.



Church Picnic

Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting its annual church picnic on September the 24th from 1pm – 6pm at the Vinson Valley Park located at 4158 Hwy 41 North Byron, GA. There will be plenty of games and activities to enjoy, such as volleyball, horseshoes, basketball, and swimming with a certified

lifeguard on duty.

There will be a culminating Tug-a-War between the families which will be divided by last name and their appointed deacon. A family or group talent show is planned as entertainment prior to dinner with the chance to compete in the following categories: comedy, singing, spoken word, skits, and

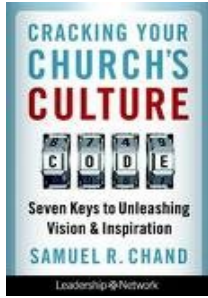
dancing.

Any music that will be needed for the talent show must be submitted to Bro. Chad Jackson, by September 18th. Bro. Jackson is also your point of contact for registering for the talent show.



*Pastor & 1st Lady Clarke
Present the
UGMBC Book of the Month*

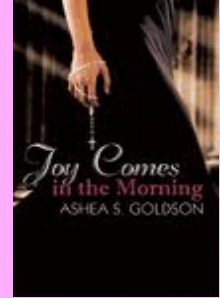
We pray that you are continually reading to gain knowledge, to grow in a certain area, or just reading for enjoyment and to just get a good laugh from the characters that you read about. Pastor Clarke selects books on Leadership, while 1st Lady enjoys Christian Fiction selections.



Pastor's
Pick

September 2011

1st Lady's
Pick

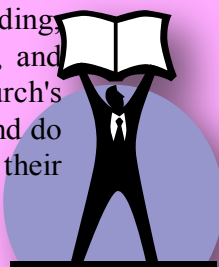


**“Cracking Your Church's Culture Code”
Samuel R. Chand**

Why is it that the best strategic plans and good leadership often are not able to move churches in the desired direction? Sam Chand contends that toxic culture is to blame. Quite often, leaders don't sense the toxicity, but it poisons their relationships and derails their vision. This work describes five easily identifiable categories of church culture (inspiring-accepting-stagnant-discouraging-toxic), with diagnostic descriptions in the book and a separate online assessment tool. The reader will be able to identify strengths and needs of their church's culture, and then apply practical strategies (communication, control and authority, selection and placement of personnel, etc.) to make their church's culture more positive. This important book offers a clear guide for understanding and recreating a healthy church culture. Once a church's culture is clearly identified, leaders can put in place a strategy for applying the seven keys of CULTURE (Control, Understanding, Leadership, Trust, Unafraid, Responsive, and Execution) that will make their church's culture one that stimulates people to be and do their very best and ultimately reach their highest goals.

**“Joy Comes In The Morning”
Ashea Goldson**

Thirty-year-old Alex Carter seems to be a pillar of strength in her church, but she lives in constant fear that a dark secret from her past is going to come out and sour all she's worked so hard to become. And now that she's won the affections of the recently widowed Deacon Joshua Bennings, a bishop's son and the church's most eligible bachelor, she's sure her past mistake will crop up and ruin everything. Especially as there's another woman who wants Josh for herself... So Alex stages a moral dilemma, mainly to hide her own issues. But it gets harder and harder to hold it together. And as her prepackaged life begins to unravel, she realizes she's going to have to confront her past if she's going to be able to build a future....



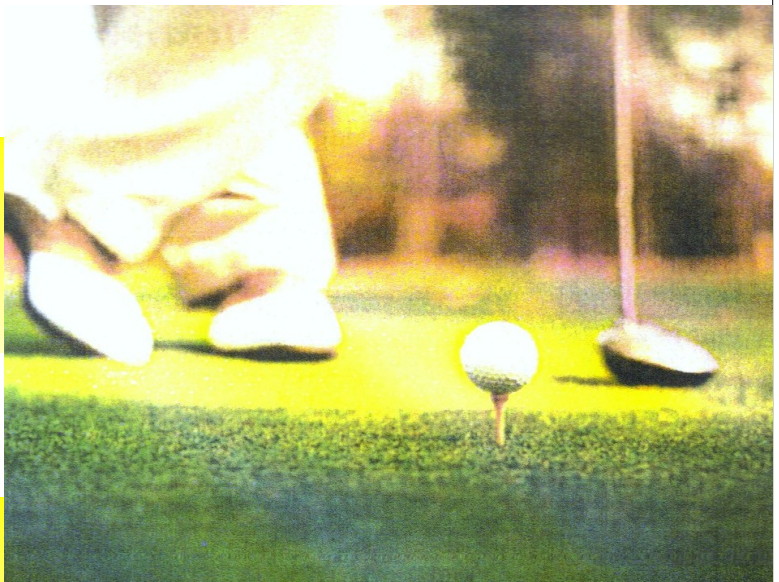
UNION GROVE COMMUNITY
ENHANCEMENT GROUP INC., PRESENTS:

Jerome Stephens, Sr.

Annual Golf Classic

“4 Man Scramble”

(Mulligans Available)



REGISTRATION FEE:

\$60 dollars per player: fee includes:

- Lunch
- Range Balls
- Green Fees
- Cart

HOLE SPONSORSHIP:

Sponsor a Hole for a Life Changing Cause!

\$500 hole sponsorship:

- One individual sign on a hole
- Up to 4 players’ registration and all fees paid

\$250 hole sponsorship:

- Three individual signs on a hole

\$100 hole sponsorship:

- Unlimited signs on a hole

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Trophies

Additional prizes for longest drive man and woman closest to hole

TRANSPORTATION:

For participants who do not have a Robins Air Force Base ID or cannot access RAFB, **transportation will be provided** to and from Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church (809 S. Davis, WR) to Pine Oaks Golf Course (RAFB) starting at 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., and after tournament.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Registration and lunch begin at 11 a.m.
- T-off at 12 p.m.
- Soft Spike Shoes Only

PAYMENT:

Make all checks payable to:
UGCEG, Inc.

All entry forms, sponsorships, and donations should be mailed to:

UGCEG, Inc.
P.O. Box 6692
Warner Robins, GA 31095-6692
Email: ugceg@att.net

Friday, September 30, 2011

**Pine Oaks Golf Course
Robins Air Force Base, GA**

***For pre-registration
Information please contact:
Lena Nixon at 953-4909 or
Kim Cannon at 929-8585***

Longtime Member Profile



What is your name, where are you from, when did you become a member of Union Grove?

My name is Henry Zeke Allen. I am from a small town about 30 miles south of Warner Robins, called Haynesville. After accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior in February 1980, a few days after my 30th birthday, my family and I chose Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church as our place to worship. We visited many churches in the area but Union Grove just felt right.

Tell us about yourself. What are your hobbies? Where do you work? How long have you lived in Warner Robins?

My hobbies are photography

and playing chess; I do love a challenge. I have worked at Robins AFB for the past 20 years. Before that, I worked for a Can Manufacturing plant for 21 years. During that time, I also sold real estate for seven years part time. I served two years in the United States Marine Corps from 1969 - 1971 and I retired from the United States Air Force Reserve in 1999. I currently own a Heating & Air Servicing & Installation business. I have lived in Warner Robins for 34 years.

Are you currently serving in a ministry? Or is there a ministry that you are interested in joining?

I currently serve in the Business Stewardship Ministry which consists of the Trustees Ministry, Finance Ministry, Real Estate Ministry, Personnel Committee and Security Ministry. I previously served for on the Deacon's Ministry for thirteen years until then Pastor Arthur Hicks asked for two volunteers to step down and form the Union Grove Baptist Church Trustee Board. Bro. Ben Respress and I volunteered to step down and form what is now the Business Stewardship Ministry.

What are the main differences compared to when you first joined Union Grove and now?

Churches tend to evolve over the years with leadership changes. With members coming and going, there are bound to be changes and differences. I have seen many changes over the years, but it doesn't surprise me; I expect changes and I try to grow with them.

Can you give any advice to the new members of Union Grove?

My advice to any new member is to be real in your relationship with God and his Son Jesus. II Timothy 2:15 says, *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* All Christians should strive to get some of God's Word daily.

Is there anything else that you would like to add?

Yes, I thank God daily for the many Blessings that he bestows upon me and my family. He has truly brought me from a mighty long way, and as we often like to say, "If I had 10,000 tongues, I wouldn't be able to thank him enough."

FOR WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER."

- MATT 12:50 (NIV)

Do You Know What Your Spouse's Top 5 Needs Are?

And my God shall supply ALL your need according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus. Phil 4:19



The Married Couples Sunday School meets every Sunday at 9:00 am in the housing authority office adjacent to the church. We are having an exciting time with fruitful discussions. The Married Couples Ministry is engaged in a book study, His Needs Her Needs by Willard F. Harley, Jr. This study is designed to help us examine ourselves and see if we are meeting each other's needs in accordance with the Word of God. Failure to meet each other's most important emotional needs can contribute to failure in your marriage no matter how strong you think it is. Husband and wives try to meet what "they" value most instead of understanding what their spouse needs.

Some of our topics of discussions are:

How Affair-Proof is your marriage?

Why your love bank never closes- What is a love bank?

The first thing he/she can't do without- Is it Sexual Fulfillment or is it Affection?

She needs him to talk to her---Conversation

He needs her to be his play mate---Recreational Companionship

She needs to Trust him totally

We invite all married couples (no matter how long you have been married) to participate in the Married Couples Ministry and take part in this study. We need to hear from you!

For more information, please contact Min. Tommy or Linda Gray at 218-0482.

God bless you and your marriage!

New Members Fellowship

On September 13, 2011, Union Grove will host its quarterly New Member Fellowship. Deacon Stephens is the organizer of this fellowship and when asked the purpose and what can be expected he shared a few things.



He stated that new members can expect:

1. To meet Pastor Clarke and get to know him in a smaller group setting
2. Meet the other leaders in the church and learn about the different ministries they lead
3. To be advised about the many learning opportunities available such as Sunday School, Bible Study, P.L.A.C.E, and Master Life which are all designed to encourage their spiritual growth
4. Discuss the ministries they are interested in and link up with other new members for support in their walk in Christ
5. To be encouraged to include their children in their process as a new member

“Ye are of God little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he who is in you; than he who is in the world.” 1 John 4:4

**UGMBC Youth Ministry has something new just for our girls... it's Godly, Girly, Gifted...
GIRL POWER!**

GIRL POWER'S Mission: Training God's daughters to know who they are, preparing them to live godly and equipping them to use their gifts victoriously in the world.

A ministry specifically designed for young women, ages ranging from four to nineteen within our church and community, is kicking off! There is an urgent need for our girls to truly grasp how precious they are in God's sight and how empowering it can be to join forces with each other. The vision describes a praying, growing, learning and encouraging ministry where girls come together to learn how to reign in life by walking in God's power. Through prayer and the leading of the Holy Spirit, we believe that the ministry can do this through Bible teaching/study and holding Godly, fun, and creative girly events with the purpose to fulfill God's mission.

Kick-Off Date: Saturday, October 22, 2011

Time: 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where: Vision Center

Theme: Girl Superheroes

We invite all girls ranging from four to nineteen to the GIRL POWER Kick-Off Event where they will be ministered to, building connections with each other, allow an older mentor to invest in them through Bible study and activities to help the girls grow in their faith and discover the answers to the questions they face. An informational meeting for the parents and guardians will be held in September 2011 to discuss ideas and plans for the ministry, introduce the leaders, and share more details of the Kick-Off event. For details, please contact Minister Antonia Simmons at 478.953.4290.

**We'll see all the GODLY, GIRLY, AND GIFTED
at the Kick-Off!**

A Message from Brother Cornelius Edwards (currently deployed in Iraq)...



Just saying hey! I miss the church and the church family. I will be coming home in about four months. My family is still attending Sunday's worship service. My wife, Komola, is part of the PLACE Ministry, my daughter, Kymori, is part of the Youth Ministry. I was part of the Security Team before I left. Well, I was just checking in and will see you guys. Please continue to pray for my family. I would like that very much. Tell everyone I said hello and I will be home soon.

Come out & Support



Asking all who are able to support our very own...
Minister Tammy Carpenter
as she speaks at
Faith Pentecostal Deliverance
Church (Pastor Givens) at
9 Grace Street in
Hawkinsville. For more details,
contact Minister Carpenter.

Union Grove Chess Champ



During the recent Men's Fish Fry, it seems we have another champion! Mr. Hank Allen successfully battled his way through all "pretenders" and was crowned the Union Grove Chess Champ! I apologize for the omission; but I would say to all chess players - "Be Very Afraid" of Mr. Hank on the chess table! Sounds like a challenge to me!

~Bro. Eugene Swinney

Into Our Hearts, Into Our Home, We Welcome...

Cyra Deziree Davis



*Born: August 6, 2011
6 lbs. 8 oz.
Parents: Bro. & Sis. Gayla Davis
Grandmother: Sis. Denise Davis*

*"For He shall give his angels charge over you,
To keep you in all of your ways."
Psalm 91:11*

Announcements

Youth Empowerment Session

"The Root of the Fruit"
Saturday, September 10
5:00 p.m.
-Min. Rashee Ragin

"...TO PREPARE GOD'S PEOPLE FOR WORKS OF SERVICE,
 SO THAT THE BODY OF CHRIST MAY BE BUILT UP."
 EPHESIANS 4:12 NIV



PLACE Ministry invites YOU!

Attend the next PLACE Workshop to define your PLACE of service within the body of Christ!



When: Saturday, September 10th

Where: Vision Center

Time: 8am to 4pm

Lunch, snacks, and materials will be provided!



SPACE IS LIMITED! You **MUST** sign-up to attend this workshop!
 Sign up in the annex, email placeatthegrove@gmail.com, or contact
 Min. Leo Finkley at 478-787-1685 to register!

MY SOUL LONGS AND YEARN'S FOR THE COURTS OF THE LORD

124th Church Anniversary Celebration

September 11
 Pastor Lorenzo Heard

September 18
 Minister Travis Greene

September 25
 Pastor Darrow Perkins

LET'S
CELEBRATE
 @CHURCH

New Members Fellowship

Tuesday, September 13

7:00 p.m.

Children's Church

All leaders are asked to be present.



-Deacon Stephens

Spiritual Enrichment

September 15, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Children's Church

Please be present and on time.

Everlasting
Hope

-Deacon D. Woodard

Saturday, September 24

Church PICNIC

12 noon
 Vinson Valley Park

FOOD,
 FUN &
 FELLOWSHIP



Announcements



Grief Support

Because Everyone Experiences it!

- Brother Edward Jarvis 923-5139
- Sister Catherine Jarvis 923-5139
- Sister Allison Jones 333-2350
- Sister Deborah Little 283-4735

Contact us, let's talk

The Voices of Prayer and Praise Ministry



Every Thursday

12noon for one hour

Children's Church

Resource:

The Daily Bread Booklet



-Sis. Mary Lenoir, Ministry Leader

Looking for a place to serve?

No meetings?

Set up and take down tables/chairs before and after repasts at the Vision Center.

Contact Sis. Wanda Verrett at 328-1483.



volleyball

Time has rolled around for co-ed volleyball. If you are interested, please contact Bro. Justin Phillips at 404-441-3730 or Deac. Alvin Myrick at 478-952-4286. Look forward to having a great time of fellowship and meeting new people to spread God's Word through sports!

Field of Dreams Community Garden

Sponsored by
Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Contact Min. Cornelius Thorpe
@ 478.955.0125 for more information.



UGMBC Radio Ministry

Every Sunday on middle Georgia's 100.5FM, 980AM, & 1400AM from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Kimai Adams
 Annie Allen
 Barnette Anderson
 Gabrielle Benton
 Kesha Bray
 Marilyn Byrd
 Rhuedeane Byrd
 LaDareon Copeland
 Vernita Corbett
 Tommie Cornish
 Quinten Culpepper
 Johnny Dawkins
 Fannie Epperson
 Nia Glover
 Jaylen Goodine
 Altha Jackson
 Bobby Jackson
 Dorothy Jackson
 Wanda Jackson
 Deshon James
 Catherine Jarvis
 Ardell Johnson

Craig Jones
 Jasmine Jones
 LaBrenda Jones
 Tevin Kendell
 Emmanuel King
 Jasmine King
 Annie Lamar
 Tanya Lambert
 Hosea Laney
 Maalik Leggette
 Joseph Legras, Jr.
 Charles Lenoir, Jr.
 Virgil Lewis
 Hannah Little
 Charity Lucas
 Rosemary Marsalis
 Iyonna McLean
 Darchelle Mitchell
 Brenda Nichols
 Bessie Nixon
 Nathaniel Nixon
 Carlos Perry

LaKeitha Randolph
 Anita Reynolds
 Arthur Riley, Jr.
 Tiney Rolle
 LaShonia Rouse
 Terrance Slocumb
 Curtis Solomon
 Beverly Talton
 Cleophus Tate, Sr.
 Aubrey Thornton
 Diamond Tillman
 Goldia Toliver
 Louise Waiters
 UrLeaka Woodard
 Iris Wynds



*Bless this marriage,
 O God, with peace and
 happiness, and make their
 Love fruitful for Your
 glory and their joy both here
 and in eternity.*

September 24th, 1994

*David & Rhonda Salone
 Happy 17th Wedding Anniversary*

Information

~ Ministerial Staff ~

Senior Pastor David A. Clarke, Sr.
 Associate Pastor Lee McCants
 Minister Milo Bradley, Jr.
 Minister Tammy Carpenter
 Minister Connie Dinkins
 Minister John Dukes
 Minister Leo Finkley
 Minister James Ford
 Minister Arie Freeman
 Minister Charles Frye
 Minister James Gaines
 Minister Tommy Gray
 Minister Rushia Jackson
 Minister Keith Perkins
 Minister Rashee Ragin
 Minister Antonia Simmons
 Minister Mary Ann Swinney
 Minister Cornelius Thorpe
 Minister Everand Woodard

~ In Training ~

Sister Dannie Dukes
 Sister Mary Lenoir
 Sister LaTonya Phillips

~ Deacons ~

A-C	Deacon Jerome Stephens	929-1476
D-F	Deacon Slater Thorpe	218-8736
G-I	Deacon Donald Woodard	987-9865
	Deacon Louis Laney	329-0957
J-K	Deacon Robert Simmons, Sr.	
	Deacon Robert Simmons, Jr.	953-4290
L-N	Deacon T.C. Caldwell	293-8428
O-R	Deacon Monroe Clark	953-2044
S	Deacon Alvin Myrick	788-5696
	In Training—Bro. William Jackson	
T-V	Deacon Edward Jarvis	923-5139
W-Z	Deacon Nathaniel Davis	923-7713

~ Where to Serve ~

Business Stewardship Ministry – Trustees, Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, Security, Wedding Coordinator— Contact Bro. Anthony Steedley/335-7838

Outreach Ministry – Evangelism, Missions, Prison Ministry, Recreation Ministry— Contact Min. Cornelius Thorpe

Worship Ministry – Ministerial Staff, Music Ministry, Ushers/Greeters Ministry, Surrendered Dance Ministry, In Door Reporter, Genuine Praise Step Team, 4-Him2, 4-Him—Contact Sis. Africa Porter/923-6770

Teaching Ministry – Sunday School, Bible Study, New Members Orientation, Training Ministry— Contact Sis. Wanda Verrett/328-1483

Spiritual Enrichment Ministry – Deacons Ministry, Deaconess Ministry, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Single's Ministry, Married Couples Ministry, Golden Achievers Ministry, Glory Girls Book Club, Nurse's Guild Ministry, Grief Support, Serenity/Addiction—Contact Dea. Donald Woodard/987-9865

Operational Support Ministry – Media Ministry, Computer Support Ministry, Floral Ministry, Public Relations, Bus Ministry, Food Service, Funeral Coordinator, Newsletter Ministry— Contact Bro. Abraham Scott/213-2263

Youth Ministry – Children's Church, Nursery Ministry, Puppet Ministry, Scholarship Ministry, —Contact Min. Rashee Ragin/322-1208

All announcements can be submitted by fax to U.G.M.B.C. at 478-923-6551. Direct all emails to union-grov1@aol.com or complete a bulletin request form, and place it in the Administrative Assistant box no later than Wednesday at 5pm.

To schedule funerals at the church, please contact Sis. Wanda Verrett at 478-328-1483

Looking for a place to host your wedding, reception, banquet, or conference? Call the UGMBC Vision Center with over 7500 sq ft. and full commercial kitchen to accommodate your crowd. 478-929-4022

Bible Study

EVERYONE IS WELCOME - JOIN US THIS WEEK

- Women's Bible Study is every 1st & 3rd Monday @ the Vision Center, 1231 S. Davis Dr.
- Men's Bible Study is every 2nd & 4th Monday @ the Vision Center, 1231 S. Davis Dr.
- Master Life courses are available! Call 478-922-5514 for more details.
- Mid-Day Manna Bible Study is every Wednesday @ 12 noon @ in the Children's Church Area
- Wednesday evening Bible classes for all ages begin @ 7 p.m. @ the main facility, 809 S. Davis Dr.

